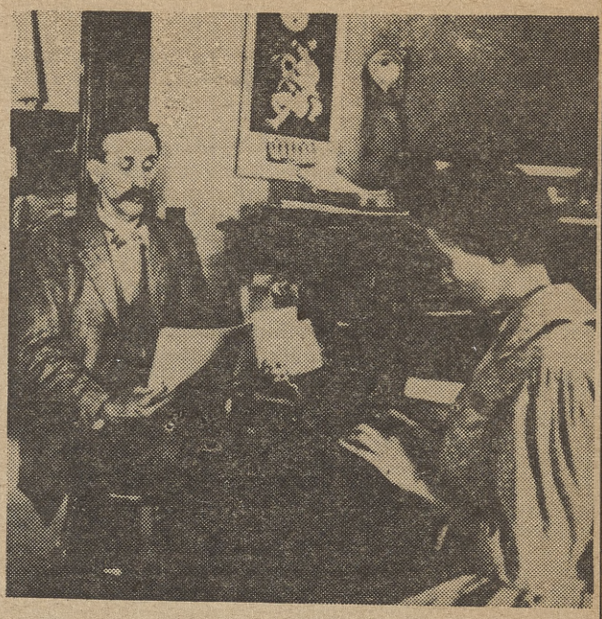

TAKE A LETTER — By the time 1907 came along, it was no longer questionable for a proper young lady to work, nor unusual for a woman to be secretary to a gentleman. This dictation took place at the Covina Home Telephone Company.

Saloons Popular for Pioneer Valleyites

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In 1882, Joseph Phillips bought 2,000 acres of land from John Hollenbeck, an early Valley pioneer. In 1885 he began selling 10-acre tracts. Phillips' surveyor, Fred Eaton, is credited with originating the town-to-be's name. The area was covered with vineyards and to Eaton, it looked like a "cove of vines" — from which came the name Covina.

The first permanent structure was erected in 1886 and a small town rapidly grew up around it. Covina's growth was given a boost by the Church of the Brethren, which purchased land from Phillips and established their first California church there. The original chapel stood until 1972.

Water is vital to any new town and stories tell of gunfights between Covinans and Azusans over early water rights.

Phillips didn't fare as well as his city. He lost all he made in Covina on a gold mine investment in Northern California.

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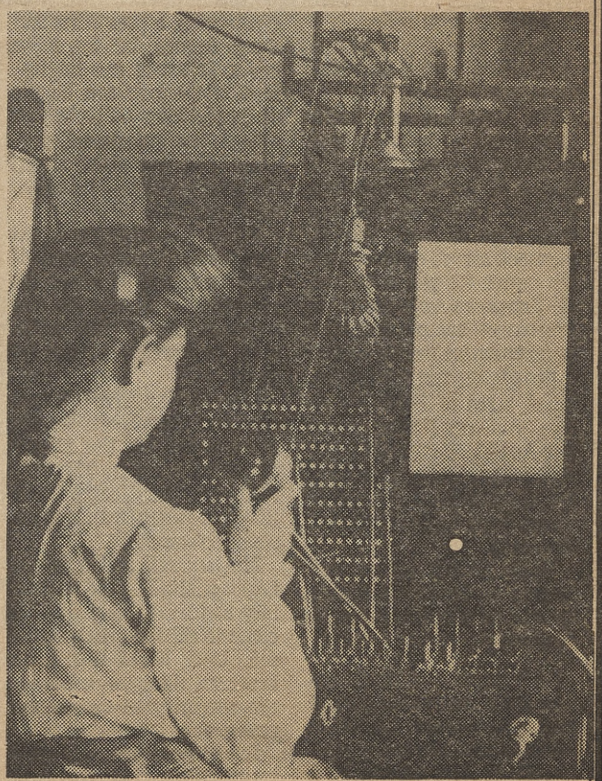

HELLO, CENTRAL — The switchboard at the Covina Home Telephone Company doesn't seem to confuse this hardworking telephone pioneer. Central could put a Covinan in contact with someone as far away as Glendora.